

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

August 16, 2009

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”

MISSION STATEMENT

**Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
1998-1999**

FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Californ Christian
Communities,
FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and,
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit
The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
is a jubilant people
on a continuing spiritual journey of hope:
TO CELEBRATE AND DEEPEN our faith
TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures
TO CHERISH all life
TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love

**MASS SCHEDULE
August 22 & 23**

**** No 12:15 p.m. Mass ****

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	D. Geerinck
Altar Servers	Geerinck-Torczone Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	L. Eacovalle, J. Eacovalle, C. Drzewiecki, M. MacKenzie, A. Sawczuk
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	C. Bitters
Altar Servers	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	B. Minick, D. Sima, J. Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	S. Carroll
Altar Servers	Malone Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	A. DeStefano, C. Zelesny, B. Zelesny, E. Lacy, M. McCall

THE WEEK THAT IS

**Sunday, August 16 – Food Pantry Weekend/Cash Cards
for St. Mary's**
No 12:15 p.m. Mass

Monday, August 17 – Weekday

Tuesday, August 18 – Weekday

- 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Office Center)
No Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Office Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Evangelization Meeting (Office Center)

Wednesday, August 19 – St. John Eudes

- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
- 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council (Office Center)

Thursday, August 20 – St. Bernard

- 7:00 p.m. Quilting (Office Center)

Friday, August 21 – St. Pius X

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
- 5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

**Saturday, August 22 – Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Sunday, August 23 – Back to School Giving Tree Ends
No 12:15 p.m. Mass

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2009

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

GIFT AND GIVER



“Come, eat my bread, and drink the wine I have prepared! If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.” What a glorious and disturbing invitation to share in the ultimate sacrifice: Jesus, Son of God, is both the gift and gift-giver. He calls us to partake in his work: his Eucharist, his thanksgiving. We recognize the Lord’s will:

come to the heavenly wedding feast!

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† REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Irene Adams	Ryan Flynn	Erica Morgan
Eleanor Angelina	Katelynn Fortenbacher	Natalie O’Hearn
Joe Angelina	Helen Galligan	Robert Olivetti
Pat Arat	Theresa Galvano	Gloria Omstead
Antonia Baasten	Frank Gargiulo	Rolv Omstead
Kate Bachman	Frank Ghiselli	Floyd Opdyke
Richard Baker	Jayne Giese	Daisy Ort
John Ballard	Alice Giordano	Bill O’Toole
Peter Barbieri	Margaret Gilzow	Nilsa Perez-Parsons
Agnes Barhart	Jerry Goski	John Pfeufer
Alice Beardsmore	Sophia Goski	Steve Plume
Carol Becker	Robert Govett	Irma Price
Mary Anna Bennett	Rose Gradone	John & Nicole Ramsden
Jean Blewitt	Angela Grieco	Albert Rayburn
Mary Bock	Christina Grillo	Ed Reinagel
Eugene Brzezienski	Colleen Hendzrak	Jerry Reslmaier
Shirley Bumen	Anita Horan	Alissa Marie Ricciardi
James Burns	Richard Hughes	Pat Roach
John Burns	Brittney Ianitto	Raymond Rogers
Eileen Cafilin	Jeannine Imperiale	Julie Ruby
Angie Caponetti	Ernest Jandersit	John Sawczuk
Barbara Carbonneau	Robert Jandersit	Maria Sawczuk
Joseph Carpentiere	Nona Janks	Ed Scharf
John Caspar	Diana Janowski	Chris Seltzer
Jose Castro	Bob Jenkinson	Abe Shalaby
Lou Citarelli	Harry Kaemmerer	Paul Shubeck
Riley Clark	John Kaemmerer	Sister Mary George
Lorraine Cochrane	Trudy Kaemmerer	Marianne Sivori
Gerard Cook	Garrison Keillor	Carol Smarsh
Jon Cord	Rosemary Kimbal	Colleen Smith
Valerie Cordero	Mary Kirchner	Joseph Strophone
Kristine Orvos Cresti	Spencer Kydd	Felicia Steward
Natalia Cresti	Alex Lacy	Marla Stivers
Dalton Cummins	Michael Lamotte	William Stortz
Joseph D’Achino	Harry Larson	Timothy Struble
Sr. Ann Damian	John Lauler	Evelyn Sulenski
Maria Elena Dawson	Kevin Leahy	Mary Sulenski
Peter Demchur	Holly Lear	Julie Suplee
Dorothy Deo	David Leibowitz	Tracey Sutch
Nick DeVincenzo	Jewel LeVine	Margaret Sweeney
Anthony DeVito	Michele Makos	John Toolan
Mary DiGiovanni	Taylor Maleski	Brendan Treanor
Mary Ditzel	Silas Mastro	Rose Uricchio
Ann Dodwell	Tom Martin	Robert Villani
Betty Doyle	Judy Martino	Dayelle Watts
Paul DuPre	Marie Mazzoni	James Emory Weber, Sr.
Richard Dziepak	Susan McHugh	Harvey Whille
Lou Eacovalle	Patrick McKenna	John William
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Akiea Finn	Betsey Miller	John J. Zelesny
Anthony Fiorillo	Michael Milto	Eileen Zocchi
Ann Flemming	Nina Montouri	Michael Zocchi
		Lucille Zmuda

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 p.m. No Mass

Wednesday, August 19

9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Doyle eq. Vigilante Family

Friday, August 21

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Bruce Kennedy req. Rita & Walt Price

Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Michael Paccione req. Nanna Family

10:30 a.m. Thomas Bennett Sr. req. Fran Tomeo

PASTOR’S SCHEDULE

Monday, August 17

Bulletin

Tuesday, August 18

Fr. Šimo arrives

No Mass

Wednesday, August 19

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council (Office Center)

Thursday, August 20

Appointments

Friday, August 21

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

6:00 p.m. Picnic (Away)

REMEMBERED AT MASS



We stand together in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Ellen Doran – Bertrand Lynn Compton – Joseph Darginio – Julienna O’ Farrell – Marion Sierchio**

RESPECT LIFE

“It wasn’t many years ago that almost everyone accepted that infanticide is intrinsically and inherently wrong. Clearly this is no longer true... With the growth of personhood theory that denies the intrinsic value of human life, and with the discriminatory ‘quality of life’ ethic permeating the highest levels of medical and bioethical thinking, we are moving toward a medical system in which babies are put down like dogs and killing is redefined as a caring act.” Wesley J. Smith, *NRL News*, March 2008.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

WASHINGTON - Cardinal Justin Rigali, Chairman of the U.S. Catholic bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, wrote on July 29 to the members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee urging them to amend "America's Affordable Health Choices Act" (H.R. 3200) to retain longstanding government policies on abortion and conscience rights.

Cardinal Rigali reiterated criteria for "genuine health care reform" set forth by Bishop William Murphy, Chairman of the bishops' Committee on Domestic Policy, in his letter to Congress on July 17. He described health care as "a basic right belonging to all human beings, from conception to natural death" and said that "the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is working to ensure that needed health reform is not undermined by abandoning longstanding and widely supported policies against abortion funding and mandates, and in favor of conscience protection."

The Cardinal enumerated several problems with the bill as introduced: It would be used to mandate abortion coverage in private health plans, expand abortion funding, override state laws that limit or regulate abortion, and endanger existing laws protecting the conscience rights of health care providers.

"Much-needed reform must not become a vehicle for promoting an 'abortion rights' agenda or reversing longstanding current policies against federal abortion mandates and funding," he wrote. "In this sense we urge you to make this legislation 'abortion neutral' by preserving longstanding federal policies that prevent government promotion of abortion and respect conscience rights."

"Several federal laws have long protected the conscience rights of health care providers," Cardinal Rigali added. "President Obama recently stated that he accepts these current laws and will do nothing to weaken them. Congress should make the same pledge, by ensuring that this legislation will maintain protection for conscience rights."

The Cardinal closed by urging the House Energy and Commerce Committee to support amendments by Reps. Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Joseph Pitts (R-PA) to address these problems in H.R. 3200. *The full text of the Cardinal's letter is posted in the narthe and is available through a link on the parish website. Please consider helping by notifying your representatives that the government should not promote abortion and must respect conscience rights!*

GOOD NEWS HOME FOR WOMEN

Harvest Festival and Craft Fair on September 19, 2009

The Good News Home for Women will hold its 7th Annual harvest Festival and Craft Fair on September 19, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on its spacious grounds located at 33 Bartles Corner Road in Flemington, New Jersey. The fair is being held to promote community awareness about the facility and raise desperately needed funding while providing a fun and enjoyable day for all to partake in.

The Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office will be on site to make children's IDs through their Child Ident-A-Kind program. There will be pony rides, carnival type games,

puppet shows and face painting. Teenagers and adults can happily try to hit the ball on the dunk tank to make a big splash.

For more information or to rent a vendor table please contact Robin Jackson at 908-806-7913, ext. 26.

FOOD PANTRY

August 15 & 16



This weekend is our Food Pantry weekend. Please help us restock our pantry for those who may call on us for assistance. Since most of what is donated will be kept in the pantry until fall, please limit your contributions through August to canned goods, cereal and pastas. Monetary donations may be made at any time using envelopes available at the Social Ministry station and the Social Ministry drop-box in the Narthex.

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE

All Back to School Gift Cards are due next weekend. Please drop them in the Social Ministry wooden Drop Box next to the Social Ministry station in the Narthex.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Anyone who wishes to donate to the work of Habitat for Humanity can do so using the donation "House Box" at the Social Ministry station in the Narthex. All donations go to Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity.

For those who would like to volunteer to work on a house, they are starting construction of a home in Bridgewater. Call 908-704-0016 – website www.rvhabitat.org

MEALS ON WHEELS



Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers in this area. Serve your homebound senior neighbors a hot noontime meal. The commitment to drive is only once a month. It will take only an hour or two once a month the get that good feeling of giving. **Call 908-284-0735 to offer your time or for more**

information. Help them help others.

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CONN~~X~~IONS

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Relationships are an integral part of who we are as a family, parish and Church. Our relationships with each other and with Jesus all begin with a connection. It is with that understanding that our pastoral council, members of our evangelization team, **Earl Roberts** and **Fr. Bill** have rededicated our evangelization efforts through a newly titled ministry.

Our evangelization ministry will now be known as our **Connxions Ministry**. We were motivated by two observations. First the word evangelization, while accurately describing the action of the work within the Church, has too many negative connotations in today's society, which turn away parishioners who misunderstand the work at hand. Secondly, the change in name allows us to focus on the all important fundamental prerequisite of all relationships, that of making a connection, a process that we will encourage in all parish activity going forward. Several new initiatives including some by other groups in the parish will help us with this work.

Past members of the pastoral council have been asked to work in the reconstitution of this ministry for the next year and we hope that some will take up this challenge. Others have joined as well and we will be encouraging still others to work in new initiatives such as our hospitality team. We'll have more about that in a few weeks when **Pam Dean** will speak to the formation of that group and invite you all to our first "Vitality Coffee."

We are made whole and grow in mind, body and spirit through our relationships. We should not miss an opportunity to make a connection, we can begin today by stopping and introducing ourselves to someone we do not know as we leave Mass.

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

If you or someone that you know is returning to the Church after a long absence, please call Earl Roberts at 832-2262. Let us welcome you/them back and provide a copy of a "Handbook for Today's Catholic" to help you grow in faith.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

Catholic Inquiry is the first phase of the journey to initiation for adults. It is a time for informally sharing our stories and helping one another discern where God is leading. It's a time to get acquainted with Catholics and our Church. **If you are thinking about becoming Catholic**, you are invited to journey with members of St. John's Initiation Team on the rewarding and enriching path to becoming a Catholic Christian. **The details and duration of this faith journey vary according to each individual's starting point.**

YOUR PRAYERS

Please support all parish ministries as a spiritual partner by remembering us each day in your prayers using your own prayers or the Bible. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with all of us who are actively involved in our community ministries.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the **Office Center, 832-2513**, or drop the name into the collection basket. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Lt. Col. Blewitt, Joseph, U.S. Air Force
Capt. Bohanan, Luke P., U.S. Army
Sgt. Brisson, Mark D., USMC
IT2 Combel, Tracey, U.S. Navy
Lance Corp., Coe, Kevin, USMC
Lt. Colonel Campbell, Vincent, USMC
CPL Connaughton, Michael, USMC
AMN Connaughton, Christopher, U.S. Air Force
AMN Connaughton, Monica, U.S. Air Force
RP2 Ditzel, Joseph, U.S. Navy
LCPL Dombrowski, David, USMC
Capt. Gutowski, Charles M., U.S. Army
2Lt. Gutowski, Jared, E., USMC
CW5, Ferguson, Michael, U.S. Army
Lt. Friedman, Lee E., U.S. Navy
Hafke, Michael, National Guard
Airman First Class Heimall, Benjamin, U.S. Air Force
CMDR Hopkins, John A., U.S. Navy
CPL Howard, Jeffrey, U.S. Army
GM3 Hurler, Shane
SSgt. Jirouschek, Thomas, U.S. Air Force
PFC Jones, Joshua, USMC
AO2 Jones, Lee M. Jr.
MC2 Juday, Gregory, U.S. Navy
Lt. JG Kellogg, Kenyon, U.S. Navy Pilot
CPL. Krause, James E., USMC
SFC Lamberton, Brian, U.S. Army
Capt. Larsen, Christopher M. U.S. Army
RP3 Brown, Leighton M., U.S. Navy
ET2 Linzmeyer, Travis, U.S. Navy
Chaplain (LT) Logan, Eddy, U.S. Navy
SGT Ludwig, Konrad, U.S. Army
Maj. McVicker, Andrew, U.S. Air Force
HN Meyer, Pamela A, U.S. Navy
Novello, Chris, U.S. Army, Green Beret
Maj. Martin, John, USMC
ATI Mastro II, Michael R., U.S. Navy
Capt. David Omstead, USA
Capt. Barbara Omstead, USA
SPC Osburn, Jared, U.S. Army
Maj. Pidgeon, Paul, U.S. Army
PC2 Quinn, Lisa, U.S. Navy
1st Lt. Rautenberg, Erik, Army National Guard
2nd Lt. Sekula, Daniel R. Army National Guard
Commander Simila, Edward A. U.S. Navy
Lt. Slack, Terry, USMC
Staff Sgt. Sowa, Paul, USMC
Sgt. Vasquez, Armando, U.S. Army
Airman Basic Vigilante, William, U.S. Air Force
Captain Wade, Dominic, U.S. Army
Captain Warkentin, William J., USMC
Airman Basic Wiedmann, Alex J., U.S. Air Force

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

You are not alone in your experiences of dealing with a loved one who is on military deployment. Several families in St. John's community have lived with the emotional roller coaster and are here for you should you wish. **Contact Marian and Russ Ditzel (638-4640), Mary and Mike Mastro (537-6224), or Catherine McVicker (303-0907) at any time.**

ADULT FORMATION

PONDERING PAUSES

*from PRACTICING CATHOLIC
by James Carroll pp. 6-7*

Rather than feel intimidated by secular or scientific criticisms of religion, a believer can insist that faith in God is a fulfillment of all that fully modern people affirm when they assent to science - or object to violence. From Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud forward, religion's critics have insisted that faith is mere superstition, a province of the illiterate masses. When educated people cling to the faith, it is supposed that they are merely protecting unexamined, if closely held, notes of identity. Smart folks, too have their irrational needs - although smart folks who have jettisoned belief. Grossly fervent popular religion and cooler, more sophisticated belief systems are, to the critics, alike in their dependence on ignorance, their encouragement of resignation in the face of injustice, and their deep complicity in intolerance and even violence.

Against all this, it is embarrassing to the critics of religion that so many passionate advocates of justice in this world are motivated by expressly spiritual concerns; that peace defines that work of so many believers around the globe; that so many otherwise intellectually astute people cling to their doctrinaire mumbo-jumbo despite all the clear fact of human experience - that "evident reasons" forever fall short of fully accounting for human experience. "Naïve atheism is as difficult to sustain," the Catholic scholar Peter Steinfels has written, "as naïve theism." Critical religion, while always aiming to submit to tests of reason, never defines itself exclusively in terms of evidence or reason. And, in that, critical religion is pointing toward the essential depth of living that science itself cannot address. The rest of reason, that is, includes the acknowledgment of reason's limit - and that test is one which religion submits.

At the same time, a believer can advance the Dawkins-Harris-Hitchens critique (and the Marx-Nietzsche-Freud critique) to say that most articulations of traditional religion of all stripes fall far short of doing God justice. The world has changed, and with it the way humans think of the world. Inevitably, that means the way humans think of God has changed. As will become clear in this book, the God who has repeatedly been pronounced dead is not one for whom all religious people mourn. The God whom atheists aggressively deny (the all-powerful, all-knowing, unmoved Mover; the God of damnation, supernatural intervention, salvation-through-appeasement, patriarchy, puritanism, war, etc) is indeed the God enshrined in many propositions of orthodox

tradition. But this God is also one whom more and more believers, including Catholics, simply do not recognize as the God we worship. Such people regard the fact that God is unknowable as the most important thing to know about God. Traditional propositions of the creed, therefore, must be affirmed neither rigidly nor as if they are meaningless, but with thoughtful modesty about all religious language, allowing for doubt as well as respect for different creeds - and for no creed.

This is not an entirely new way of being religious. One sees hints of it in the wisdom of many thinkers, from Augustine in ancient times to Nicholas of Cusa in the Renaissance to Kierkegaard in the modern period. But, in fact, the contemporary religious imagination has been transformed by understanding born of science. Once a believer has learned to think historically and critically, it is impossible any longer to think mythically. That is the ground on which this book stands; its subject is the positive transformation of religious thought that has defined much of Christianity, including Catholicism, during my life-time. I intend to offer a defense of that transformation. (to be continued)

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSOR TREE

The 2009 Confirmandi will be confirmed on Sunday October 18 at 12:15 p.m. This weekend we are inviting the community of St. John's to participate in their Confirmation Prayer Sponsor Tree. Parishioners are asked to take home a picture of a candidate from the Sponsor Tree, sign your name next to the candidate's name on the log in the narthex, pray for your candidate and write a letter of support that will be given to your candidate during their Crossroads Retreat. Letters should be returned by September 11 to the basket provided by the tree or to the Office Center.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Friday, September 18, 7:15 p.m., Church Center

Infant baptism preparation is an outreach of support to new parents by the St. John's Baptism Team on behalf of our community. Following an initial pastoral visit at the parish office with either the Pastoral Assistant for Evangelization and Social Ministry or the Coordinator of the Baptism Preparation Team to start the process, parents attend one preparation session, which is offered quarterly. All St. John's Baptisms are celebrated at a regular weekend Mass, except in special circumstances. Parents are expected to be registered active members of The Community of St. John Neumann. At least one Godparent needs to be a practicing Catholic. The next scheduled Baptism Prep Program is **Friday – September 18 at 7:15 p.m. The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – September 11.** For more information or to begin the process please call the parish office center at 832-2513 or use the online form from the parish website – www.ccsjn.org.

CATECHESIS

“THE WORD OF GOD in the life and mission of the Church”

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus: God nourishes us with wisdom and a sacred meal.

We are summoned to Wisdom’s House and the Table of the Lord to be satisfied.

Scripture: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

John 6: 51-58

Reflection: What have been your experiences of being fed with more than food? Who are the people in your life who have fed you with their company? What makes a meal satisfying for you?

Song: “Join in the Dance” #609

Story: “Remember the duck”

Seven-year-old Martin was visiting his grandparents on their farm. One afternoon, while playing with his new sling shot, he accidentally killed one of his grandma’s pet ducks. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile. When he turned to head back to the house, there was his sister Rebecca. She had seen everything — but said nothing.

After lunch, Grandma asked Rebecca if she would do the dishes. Rebecca said, “Grandma, Martin told me he’d like to help in the kitchen.” Then she whispered to Martin, “Remember the duck!” So Martin did the dishes.

Later in the day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing, but Grandma interrupted, “I’m sorry, but I could use Rebecca’s help to make supper.”

Rebecca smiled and said, “That’s OK, Grandma. Martin loves to peel potatoes and shuck corn, don’t you, Martin?” She looked at her brother as she mouthed the words, *Remember the duck*. So Martin put away his rod and reel and headed to the kitchen with Grandma. For the next several days, Martin did all of Rebecca’s chores once the onerous words were spoken, *Remember the duck*. Finally, Martin could stand it no longer. He went to his Grandma and told her what had happened.

Grandma knelt down and gave her grandson a hug. “I know, Sweetheart. I was standing by the window and saw the whole thing. It was an accident. I know. I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you were going to let Rebecca make a slave out of you.”

Compassion, forgiveness, justice — the life of God within us. In inviting us to feed on his “flesh” and drink of his “blood,” Jesus invites us to embrace the life of his Father: the life that takes responsibility for our mistakes and failures; the life that readily offers forgiveness and seeks

reconciliation with all; the life that finds liberating joy in humbly serving and giving to others. In the “bread” he gives us to eat, we become the body of Christ with and for one another; in his “blood” of the new covenant he gives us to drink, his life of compassion, justice and selflessness courses through us, and we become what we have received — the sacrament of unity, peace and reconciliation.

Connections, August 2009

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Class assignments and information will be sent out to Religious Education families in a couple of weeks. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YET, DO SO NOW! Do not let financial difficulties stop you from registering. Just add a note to your registration form explaining the situation.

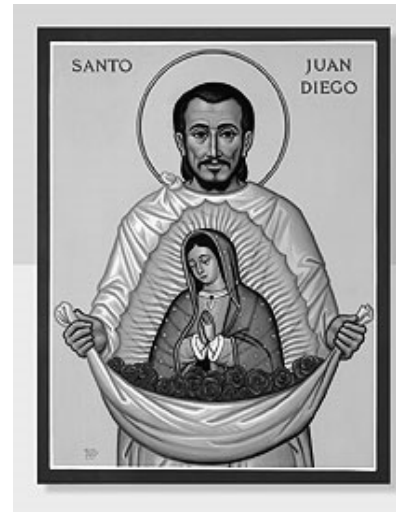
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

We have catechists for all Sunday Morning classes (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.), but we still need **catechist’s assistants** for grades 2, 3, 4, 5 and Kindergarten. We also need **2 catechists** willing to share the teaching responsibility for a Junior High 8th grade boy’s class and 3 assistant Junior High catechists for the 7th & 8th grades. Junior High classes meet twice a month on Sunday evenings. **For more information contact Rose Fay at 832-2162 or rosefay@ccsjn.org.**

PARISH NEWS

ICON OF THE WEEK

St. Juan Diego



Even though there is no single icon of Juan Diego, he is one of the saints of the Americas on the large central icon in the Icon Devotion room. Cuauhtlatoatzin (One who talks like an eagle) was baptized Juan Diego between 1524 and 1525 by a Franciscan priest, Fr. Peter da Gand. He was born in 1474 in Cuauhtitlan just north of Tenochtitlan (now Mexico City). After the

death of his wife, on his usual trek of three and a half hours for Mass in Tenochtitlan the Blessed Virgin appeared to him and talked in his native language. She called him “Juanito, Juan Dieguito” (“the most humble of my sons”). A picture of our Lady of Guadalupe was imprinted upon his cloak. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II at the Basilica of Guadalupe, Mexico, July 31, 2002

BELL CHOIR SEEKING MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining the St. John's Bell Choir, please email Jaki Fesq at jakifesq@gmail.com. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Center. We practice every other Wednesday evening and we will be learning music to play at the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

CONGRATULTIONS ST. ANN'S 150TH

This past year St. Ann's in Hampton has been celebrating the 150th year of its foundation. As you may know, St. Ann's is our mother parish. I was sent to Hampton in 1982 as pastor with the mission to establish the parish of St. John Neumann which was canonically erected as a parish on October 22, 1982. I was the 29th pastor. While I was pastor we celebrated the 125th anniversary. So it figures that as we celebrated our 25th they would celebrate their 150th anniversary.

The celebration was truly grand. The music by a schola of men, with musical accompaniment was truly fitting and superb. The new altar that was consecrated is magnificent. The Bishop was at his best, the people glowing with pride. Father Michael Suharic, the present pastor and 33rd, has done a great job in restoring the church, fixing up the cemetery and grounds of the parish. He did research about the first pastor, Father Claude Rolland who came from France and returned there. Fr. Mike found the place of his burial, church of his baptism and even a great-great-niece who still lives there. She and her husband were at the celebration.

The celebration continued at the Grand Colonial and was a great evening with dinner and dancing. He had a great committee who did a grand job. I will leave the anniversary booklet in the Narthex for all to see. I was so happy and pleased to be present for this celebration.

We extend to our Mother Parish, Father Suharic and the members of St. Ann's the congratulations that befits a daughter parish. We are one of the many churches that have been established and initially ministered to down through the ages. May they enjoy many more years of spreading and living the Word of God.

FATHER ŠIMO MARŠIĆ RETURNS

Father Šimo returns this week. I will be picking him up at the airport on Tuesday evening. I had lunch with Father Darko last week and he said that Father Šimo could hardly get through the year because he did not visit us last year. He doesn't know how to say "no" and while he is here they don't call, so he doesn't have to give any answer. This sounds like he is coming for vacation. Little does he know I already have a whole list of things for him to do. He will be with us until September 17.

THANKS

To **Doctor Chris Viggiano** and his friend, **Dan Flaherty** who brought hanging plants for the Office building and two others that were placed by the church.

To **Anne Germino** for arranging the flowers at Mary's statue last week from the ones that our First Communicants planted at their retreat in April.

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to chair the following:

Craft Show – November 7
Auction – Wild Weekend of Winning 2010

Please call the office if you can assist.

ST. JOHN'S WINE BEER FOOD GALA

Friday, October 23, 7:00 p.m., Church Center

St. John's Wine Beer Food Gala will be held on Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church Center. Please mark your calendars! Look for information regarding how YOU can help make this evening a success! **If you have any questions or want to help, please call Marybeth at 329-2260 or Sandy at 507-2378.**

ICON ROOM OF DEVOTION

The icons have been hung in the greenhouse and is open for devotion. We still have to add chairs and kneelers and hopefully candles in the near future.

During the day you can enter by the path that leads up to the garden between the kitchen and the Eucharistic Chapel. The garden is enclosed with a white fence and a gate that swings open. In Church you can enter from the alcove by the kitchen and Eucharistic Chapel. We are having a gate made so that you can enter into the Eucharistic Chapel for prayer when the church is locked. At the moment the Neumann Residence Chapel is always open for prayer.

We have also placed two icons in the lofts of the church. The front loft has been dedicated to **St. Frances Cabrini** and will henceforth be called the Cabrini Loft. The back loft is dedicated to **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha** and will be known as the Kateri Loft.

During the summer months we will write about each icon.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday July 15, 2009

- The council viewed the welcoming video that is given to new parishioners.
- The census of the parish was discussed along with the need to retain parishioners.
- The Stewardship Committee is making plans for a parish directory. Photographers will be scheduled for sometime this fall.
- **Fr. Bill** introduced excerpts from The Virus of the Mind by Richard Brodie.
- **Bill Harrison** gave an update on the Evangelization Sub Committee. The name of the ministry has been changed to the Connections Ministry.
- The Council discussed possible projects that the parish can do to help St. Mary's Parish in Coeburn Va.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.” — Jn 6:56-57

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD

LOST PAGER

A parishioner believes she lost her pager in the Church Center parking lot. **If anyone finds it please call Patty Weiss at 537-0743.**

FUND RAISING

ATTENTION---ALL ST. JOHN GOLFERS (BOTH MEN & WOMEN)

Saturday, September, 26

Reserve the date on your calendar for the upcoming St. John's annual Golf Outing. We had a great turnout of 37 people last year that included men & women golfers. A great lunch will be provided. More details to follow including golfing fee, sponsor opportunities, and hole-in-one prize. Email Bob Martalus at bob_martalus@dalecarnegie.com to sign up.

Event Coordinator: **Bob Martalus---908-439-3970**

Date: Saturday---September 26

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Minebrook Golf Club, Hackettstown, NJ

USE WWW.GOODSEARCH.COM AND EARN ST. JOHN'S MONEY!

Do you use the internet? How many times a week, no make that a day, do you find your self searching a topic on the internet? Did you know just by searching for your favorite muffin recipe that you could be earning St. John's money? It's true. www.goodsearch.com is the philanthropic arm of the search engine yahoo. Each time you do a search using goodsearch, St. John's will get 1/2 cent. It's so simple! Don't worry, goodsearch does not sell or use your information. You won't get any emails or spam – I've (Sharon Lohrmann) been using it for over a year. It's just like using Yahoo or Google or MSN. Except goodsearch earns us money! It couldn't be easier, here is how it works:

1. Go to www.goodsearch.com (better yet make this your home page).
2. Under 'who do you search for' find and click on St. John Neumann.

Finally enter your search topic and click enter

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **25 families** purchase Shop-Rite and A&P gift cards the last weekend, for a total of **\$3,000.00** with **\$150.00** coming to St. John's. Stop after Mass on the weekends or come to the Office Center during the week. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards. Our thanks to all who purchase these cards and those who sell them.

ST. MARY'S, COEBURN, VIRGINIA

This is the third week of the month. The profit from the sale of cash cards and direct donations this week will go to St. Mary's parish in Coeburn, Virginia. I had a long talk with

Father Mike Herbert on the phone the other day. We are arranging for him to join us for Stewardship Weekend on November 7 and 8.

He is a late vocation, having taught Law in Richmond Virginia before becoming a priest. He has a great laugh. He has sent an article about a free Health Clinic that the town offered and in which the parish participated. You can see the article in the narthex.

In July we sent another \$300.00 to help with the parish. Please purchase your cash cards this weekend so that we can continue sending our usual gift. Thanks to all who participate. St. Mary's is grateful too.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILD CARE NEEDED

After school care needed for 2 children, ages 8 & 10, in my home, from 3.30 p.m. to approximately 5.00 p.m. M-F (and from 1.30 p.m. on early dismissal days). Drivers license preferred, but not required, however, must be able to be at my home each day by 3.30 p.m. (1.30 on early dismissal days). **If interested, please contact Maria at 908 231-4961 or 908-832-9887.**

ICS (SOMERVILLE) REGISTRATION

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade in September? It is not too late to register your child at Immaculate Conception School in Somerville for the upcoming school year. Teaching the Catholic faith is the central mission of Immaculate Conception School, a co-ed grammar school serving students in grades Pre-K (age 4) through 8. ICS, located at 41 Mountain Avenue in Somerville, provides a Christ-centered education that fosters creativity and responsibility and encourages students to be the very best they can be. We offer full-day Kindergarten classes, a challenging core curriculum that is consistent with the requirements prescribed by the State of New Jersey, state-of-the-art technology and a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

To learn more about ICS, you may visit our website at www.icsschool.org. **For registration information, or to schedule a tour, please call the school at 908-725-6516.**

DRIVER NEEDED

A local individual needs someone to transport her mother to and from the Country Comfort Zone on Rt. 22 in Phillipsburg. They are able to pay a stipend for the help. **Please call Pat Rebel, 908-689-8129 for information.**

CRAFT SHOW

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 105 Summer Road Three Bridges, NJ 08887 is having our First Annual Craft and Vendor Fair November 7, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and November 8, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are inviting Crafters and Vendors to register for a table. **Anyone interested, please call 908-369-4376 for an application.**

THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST

GENESIS (cont.)

When we look back on our early education, the stories that we were told to teach a lesson and the tales that we hold more firmly than the truth, we can find many contradictions, questions or absurdities. My greatest of these is that we were presented with two equally dogmatic statements - "Sex is dirty" and "Save it for someone you love." They were not said in the same sentence or breath but we have heard these statements at one time or other in growing up. One of them has to be untrue. The teaching method was false. Sex is not dirty. Sex is a great gift that we share in loving embrace. However, we don't just give it out like candy. There is a sacredness to sex and we indeed give it as gift to one we love and are ready to accept the responsibilities of that love.

One of the other apparent contradictions, though not necessarily opposed as the one above, comes in our approach to Jesus, especially in the Eucharist. When the bells were rung at Mass there was one that announced that the Consecration was approaching. It occurred when the priest put his extended hands over the bread and the wine. The altar boy went up to hold up the end of the chasuble. It was a sacred time. The custom was to put your hands over your eyes. They were kept that way until after the last bell of the consecration of the wine. We were not worthy to see the host and chalice raised. Yet that was why they were raised. One day I ventured a glimpse through my fingers and saw what I was not suppose to see, or was to see but popular devotion said I was not worthy of seeing.

This practice was accompanied later by the "Domine, non sum dignus." (Lord, I am not worthy to receive you . . .) It was said in Latin three times before the priest received communion and before he gave out communion to the people. At each "Domine . . ." you would strike your breast. Then for communion you would sing "O Lord, I Am Not Worthy" or another favorite of mine that I found myself singing as I was going into the shower the other day - "Jesus, Jesus come to me."

Jesus, Jesus, come to me,
All my longing is for Thee,
Of all friends the best Thou art,
Make of me Thy counterpart.

Jesus, I live for Thee,
Jesus, I die for Thee,
I belong to Thee,
For-e'er in life and death.

Comfort my poor soul distressed,
Come and dwell within my breast,
Oh how oft I long for Thee,
Jesus, Jesus, come to me.

Our First Communicants sing another version of the same theme, "Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, Come to my heart this day . . ."

If we are not worthy, how can we pray for Jesus to come to us? In this case this is not a contradiction but indeed both are true. Which we emphasize tells us about our relationship with Jesus.

One of the truths and beliefs of my childhood that eventually lead me to the priesthood was that even though I am not worthy, God loves me all the same. I eventually came to know this as unconditional love when I was in high school, even though those words did not formulate on my lips until I was introduced to psychology. I really don't remember fear, even though it must have been there (especially going to Confession.) There is always the memory of God's love for me and for all of God's children. I did not feel special nor exclusive and probably wanted people to know this - that they are loved as well. I don't know if I ever formulated these words when I was growing up but it certainly was there in retrospect.

This desire to be friends with Jesus. This acceptance as God's child. The great news that "even if my mother should forget me (God forbid) God would not forget me" (Isaiah). That there was no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend" (John's Gospel). I am sure that this great gift, whenever it made its impression on my mind has remained with me and prompts me to let others know that they are loved by God. "Nothing can separate us from the love of God that comes to us through Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans).

DIOCESAN NEWS

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.



You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows and receive a personalized certificate from Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at a special Evening Prayer Service* in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Application forms may be secured from your parish office or downloaded from the website by logging on to <http://www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/family-life/>
Forms must be signed by the pastor and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until Friday, October 2, 2009. A confirmation letter will be sent once your application has been processed.

Formal invitations and seating tickets will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the celebration.

To ensure your reservation please fill out an application as soon as possible. *The prayer service does not fulfill your Sunday obligation.

For additional information call the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen (732)562-1990 ext. 1624.

METUCHEN CURSILLO MOVEMENT

The Cursillo Organization of the Diocese of Metuchen, along with the support of Bishop Paul Bootkowski, will be holding the Metuchen Cursillo Weekends at The Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, N.J. Bishop Bootkowski supports the Cursillo Movement and has also made a Cursillo Weekend. The Men's Weekend is scheduled for September 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2009; and the Women's Weekend is scheduled for November 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2009. Both Weekends begin on Thursday evening and end on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in making a Cursillo Weekend, please note the following: To obtain an application, log onto our website at www.metkursillo.org then click onto ABOUT CURSILLO (upper left hand corner), next click onto DOWNLOAD (found in the drop down), then click onto Candidate Application. You may also contact Dr. Tony Tangorra, Lay Director, at 908-766-1900 or drtangorra@yahoo.com

Registration must be completed as-soon-as-possible in order to make a reservation at The Blue Army Shrine and also that each Candidate is assigned a Sponsor. Space is limited so send your completed applications in as-soon-as-possible. Also, if there are any Cursillistas that would like to help or assist in any way, please contact me as noted above. The Cursillo Weekend are an "Encounter With Christ," and is done once like Baptism or Confirmation. It is not a retreat; rather, it is something much more. It will make you stronger in your faith and closer to Jesus.

De Colores,
 Dr. Tony Tangorra
 Lay Director
 Metuchen Cursillo Movement

2009 FLAME OF CHARITY DINNER

25th Anniversary

The **25th Annual Flame of Charity Dinner** will take place on Thursday evening, **October 22, 2009** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick. Two outstanding individuals are being honored this year:

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

Anthony R. Coscia, Esq.

*Partner, Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
 New York City/New Brunswick*

COMMUNITY SERVANT

Very Reverend Robert W. Medley

Pastor, Queenship of Mary Church

Plainsboro, NJ

The proceeds from this event help support the many social service programs of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, including homeless shelters, health clinics, youth programs and low income housing. The Flame of Charity Dinner Committee is proud of what has been accomplished over the years and this could not have happened without the generosity and continued support of people like you.

Please contact us at 732-562-2438 for more information on underwriting and sponsorships or to order tickets.

You may also visit the website at www.diometuchen.org/event-viewer/

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Prepare to Lead

Prepare to Lead is a **Catholic Bible Study Training Course** sponsored by the Office of Evangelization. The course offers a basic introduction to the Sacred Scriptures for people who desire to understand the Bible better and/or may wish to facilitate Bible Studies. The classes lay a foundation in the Catholic approach to reading and interpreting the Word of God. Anybody who is interested in growing in their knowledge and love of the Scriptures is invited to participate.

The course will be offered in several locations in the diocese and will begin in September and run through May.

Registration is required (download registration form at www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/evangelization/format-ion-training). For further information contact the Office of Evangelization at: **732-562-2469** or: irehnstedt@diometuchen.org.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

OFFICE ANGELS

Monday, August 17	- J. Santoro	p.m.
Tuesday, August 18	- Angel Needed	p.m.
Wednesday, August 19	- A. Sawczuk	p.m.
Thursday, August 20	- C. Behrens	p.m.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

August 15 & 16	- M. Stout	5:30 p.m.
	- P. Nanna	8:00 a.m.
	- C. Manbeck	10:30 a.m.
August 22 & 23	- C. Crescenti	5:30 p.m.
	- J. Klawunn	8:00 a.m.
	- R. McShane	10:30 a.m.

CHURCH CENTER WATERING SCHEDULE

Week of August 16	-	L. Feller
Week of August 23	-	M. Cangelosi

CHURCH CENTER CLEANING TEAM

August 21	-	Team D
August 28	-	Team E

BULLETIN TRANSPORTERS

August 21	-	J. Stemple
August 28	-	A. Tagliareni

STEWARDSHIP – TIME & TALENT

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

Stewardship Thoughts



“The Eucharist brings us closer to Christ and so cleanses us from sin, nourishes our charity, and commits us to the poor. Receiving the love of God in this sacrament can impact everything in our lives, helping us realign all our actions to love - even the way we eat. Both the United

States Bishops and the National Rural Life Conference have expressed concern over the industrialization of our food system: the way this affects rural families, the ethics of eating, and the quality of the food we eat. Go to the National Catholic Rural Life Conference Web site (<http://www.ncrlc.com>) or call 515-270-2634 to join their Green Ribbon Campaign, which supports family farmers and agricultural stewardship. The group also gives suggestions for prayer and liturgy, and resources about the ethics of eating. The site suggests 25 ways your family can help our nation create a new, healthier, and more charitable food system.”

The stewardship of food involves not only the food itself but the production and distribution of food. My first and simplistic approach to the stewardship of food was what my mother told me. “Don’t eat in front of someone unless you have enough to share.” The sense of sharing is the main emphasis and not the fact of not eating in front of others who have nothing to eat. We are not suppose to therefore eat alone or on the sly but become aware that eating of it’s very nature requires sharing.

The further inclusion in stewardship is: stewardship of the land in growing, the stewardship of distribution; the feeding of the hungry. When we are hungry and have nothing to eat and know that others have enough to eat and waste we see stewardship in a different way. When you know that the people on the other side of the curtain on an airplane, in first class, are eating a meal and you just have pretzels you also get the point. When farmers are paid to plough under food and you are without food, you also get the impact of the stewardship of food. (cf. FOOD, INC - book and movie)

There is the practical and immediate side of sharing but there is also the systemic side that effects more than just the individual. When food becomes a political or justice issue we go into another whole realm. In our General Intercessions on the weekend of Aug 1 - 2 we prayed “For business and government leaders who have responsibility for food: that they will strive with new effort to alleviate the hunger and needs of the poor, of refugees, and of the victims of war.” Food is a big issue. Stewardship of food should alert us to this greater reality.



STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE



STEWARDSHIP SPIRITUALITY

“We are a Stewardship Parish sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure as a way of life.”

320 Families

81 Time & Talent Responses, 73 Treasure Responses
31 Youth Responses

“Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing,” says today’s Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For August 10, 2008

76 Weekly Donors.....	\$2,030.00
26 Monthly Donors.....	2,751.00
Loose Money.....	\$97.00
Total.....	\$6,025.00
21 Direct Deposit.....	\$910.00

For August 9, 2009 (320 Families)

64 Weekly Donors.....	\$1,947.00
27 Monthly Donors.....	\$3,147.00
Loose Money.....	\$65.00
Total.....	\$5,159.00
16 Direct Deposit.....	\$796.25

Weekly Need **\$7,034.00**

Weekly Averages:

July.....	\$5,915.00
June.....	\$4,950.00
May.....	\$5,474.00
April.....	\$6,757.00
March.....	\$6,133.00
February.....	\$6,165.00
January.....	\$5,940.00
December.....	\$7,148.00
November.....	\$6,312.00
October.....	\$5,795.00
September.....	\$6,171.00
August.....	\$5,750.00

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

For August 9, 2009

Weekly		Monthly	
5	5.00 = 25.00	1	35.00 = 35.00
10	10.00 = 100.00	2	30.00 = 60.00
1	15.00 = 15.00	2	40.00 = 80.00
14	20.00 = 280.00	6	50.00 = 300.00
1	22.00 = 22.00	1	60.00 = 60.00
9	25.00 = 225.00	1	75.00 = 75.00
3	30.00 = 90.00	1	77.00 = 77.00
3	35.00 = 105.00	1	80.00 = 80.00
2	40.00 = 80.00	6	100.00 = 600.00
1	45.00 = 45.00	1	120.00 = 120.00
9	50.00 = 450.00	1	160.00 = 160.00
1	60.00 = 60.00	1	200.00 = 200.00
1	75.00 = 75.00	1	300.00 = 300.00
1	80.00 = 80.00	1	400.00 = 400.00
1	95.00 = 95.00	1	600.00 = 600.00
2	100.00 = 200.00	27	
64			3147.00

16 Direct Deposit - \$796.25

WHEN TURNING ON THE ELECTRICITY

1. During the summer (and maybe indeed hereafter) when turning on electricity don't put everything on at once. So when cleaning or in need of light don't press FULL on the panel. (Use the panel inside the sound room to turn lights on. You will need a Master Key for that. Use the panel outside of the sacristy only for turning off the lights.)

2. Turn the air conditioning thermostat on at 10 minute intervals. There are 3 thermostats so it should take 20 minutes before they are all on. Don't put on what you don't need. So don't put on the Narthex unless you are there or use only one side of the worship space at a time. (You press the button on the left with the 2 red dots alongside of it. This is temporary occupied. If you need it cooler or warmer press the arrows by the temp., up or down.)

*** (When leaving remember to press "run program" above the red dotted button and turn all lights off. When leaving the building, there is a timer light on the right of the front doors if you need light in the PARKING LOT.)

3. Use only the lights needed. So if you are having music practice, only put on those lights under the Loft (3), not the whole church. The panel in the sound room gives you the selection that you need. So when opening the church use the Master Key so you can get into the sound room closet.

4. Don't leave lights burning. Shut off what is not needed. Even in the Office Center keep the hall lights off if you can see, as during the day, especially when the office doors are open.

5. Be aware that the Bridge Lights in the Church Center (under the walkway that connects the Cabrini and Kateri lofts) are enough to enable you to walk across the worship space. The switches are located on the outside left before you enter the worship space. There are two switches on the light plate. (Don't use the single switch above, that is for outside lights).

There is a similar set on the left of the EXIT door outside of the kitchen double doors. You can turn the lights on and off from these switches. The other switch is for the lights on the WALK WAY. If you use those please turn them off when you reach the Office Building. The switch is on the inside left of the office doors.

6. The dimmers for the Narthex need to be pushed down until they click, otherwise they are still on.

Please use the electricity wisely so that we can maximize our use for what we pay. Whenever we left lights on at home when I was growing up, my father would say, "Are we feeding the Applegate's?" Joe Applegate worked for JCP&L. Let's not cool or light up the whole Lower Valley. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDERS

Let Us Know – In order to minister to our community at large, we need your assistance in letting us know who may be in need of help. Often those who are in need are either too entwined in their situation to contact us directly or to proud to ask for help. You can be the “angel of mercy” who helps by simply making us aware of an individual or family in need. Call Earl or Rita at the Office Center, send us an email or use the “Samaritan Tip” form on the parish website – <http://www.ccsjn.org/>



Emergency Shelter; Personal Crisis, Suicide Hotline; Abuse Reports; Support Groups; Animal Aid; Senior Assurance Calls; Locate a Food Pantry and more. Questions? See website <http://www.helplinehc.org/>

CALLERS WISHING TO REACH HELPLINE FOR ANY OF ITS SERVICES ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO REACH THE AGENCY BY DIALING 211. THEY NEED TO CALL 800-272-4360, 782-4357 OR 735-4357.

Haves ‘n Needs
Parish member? List either your Haves or your Needs on the parish website: www.ccsjn.org

New Eyes for the Needy
Donate your old eyeglasses in the Narthex.

St. Jude’s Ranch
Donate you Campbell Soup labels in the Narthex. See parish website for list of items.

Sponsor Child
Please remember Angel in your prayers, and drop your donation in the Jar at the Social Ministry Station. Don’t forget to write!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please complete ID Box and ✓ appropriate volunteer information section

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

- Chair/Co-chair Craft Show
- Chair/Co-chair Wild Weekend of Winning/Auction
- Help with Gala Food Fundraiser
- Children’s Liturgy Committee
- Baptism Preparation Team
- Evangelization Team
- On-going Volunteer Opportunities

- Office Angels (5:00 – 8:00 p.m., one weeknight a month)
- Shop Rite & A&P Gift Card Sales (after weekend Masses)
- Church Center plant watering (approximately once a month)
- Church Center cleaning (Friday evening, once every 5 weeks)
- Bulletin transporter (Fridays, approximately once every 2 months)

Questions? Call Rita Price: 908-832-2513
ritaprice@ccsjn.org

On-going Liturgical Opportunities

- Greeter/Hospitality
- Lector
- Altar Preparation
- Minister of the Eucharist

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